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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following text prior to the Background Section.

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Number \_\_\_\_\_, serial number 09/912,409 filed July 23, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Number 6,279,038, serial number 09/198,058 filed November 19, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Number 6,263,372, serial number 09/111,618, filed July 7, 1998, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent No. 5,799,156 serial number 08,421,827, filed April 13, 1995, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent No. 5,590,181 serial number 08/136,211, filed October 15, 1993.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-36 and add the following new claims.

1. (New) A method for processing a calling card call from a caller to determine the rate associated with the call:
  - receiving a called number;
  - receiving a caller identifier;
  - generating at an operator module, a request for a rate quote;
  - sending the request for rate quote to a rating system, wherein the rate quote module:
    - performs a database look-up based on the called number and the caller identifier;
    - generates a rate quote;